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In re Application of:)
K. Gilbert) Group Art Unit: 3679
Serial No.: 10/761,728) Examiner: G. Binda
Filed: January 21, 2004)
For: FLEXIBLE COUPLINGS)

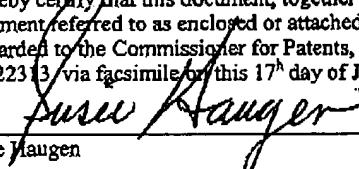
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 16, 2006 and in connection with a Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the additional figure is attached at the end of this paper.